

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-102 and 104-105 are cancelled herein, and new claims 106-156 are added. Further to the Examiner Interview Summary dated July 28, 2010, in which the Office withdrew the restriction requirement between groups I and III-V, as well as the election of species, claims 103 and 106-156 are currently pending. Further, without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 103 is amended herein to incorporate the limitations of now-cancelled claim 21, in accordance with the changes proposed by the Office for placing the claim in allowance during the in-person Examiner Interview of July 14, 2010. See Examiner Interview Summary dated July 28, 2010. Claim 103 is thus in condition for allowance.

New claims 106-156 are based on now-cancelled claims 2-9, 11-17, 22-31, and 73-100. Written description support for the amendments can be found in the specification and the claims as originally filed. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. As new claims 106-156 depend from claim 103, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

II. Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Office for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the in-person Interview of February 17, 2010. Applicants filed a Response to Interview on March 5, 2010, which mistakenly refers to an Interview

conducted on January 12, 2010, which discussed U.S. Patent No. 2,633,139.

Applicants apologize for the mistake in this Response to Interview Summary.

Applicants thus clarify that, as indicated in the Interview Summary mailed March 8, 2010, (and set via facsimile on March 2, 2010), the Interview occurred on February 17, 2010. In response to the Interview Summary, Applicants agree with the substance of the Interview Summary in that the claims and rejections were discussed and that no agreement was reached.

Applicants also thank the Office for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives during the in-person Interview conducted on July 14, 2010. Applicants agree with the Interview Summary dated July 28, 2010, regarding the substance of the interview conducted on July 14, 2010.

III. Priority

During the Interview conducted on July 14, 2010, as reflected in the Interview Summary dated July 28, 2010, the Office noted that Applicants have not perfected their priority claim to the five listed French priority applications, particularly the three French priority applications filed on September 6, 2002. See Examiner Interview Summary dated July 28, 2010. To perfect priority, Applicants submit herewith certified English translations of French Patent Application No. 02 11096, filed September 6, 2002; French Patent Application No. 02 11907, filed September 6, 2002; and French Patent Application No. 02 1104, filed September 6, 2002.

Applicants do not submit certified English translations of French Patent Application No. 02 12097, filed September 30, 2002, and French Patent Application

No. 02 12098, filed September 30, 2002, at this time. However, Applicants reserve the right to submit certified English translations of the two remaining French priority applications at any time.

IV. Terminal Disclaimer

Further to the Examiner Interview Summary dated July 28, 2010, the Office requires submission of a Terminal Disclaimer over co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 10/656,201 and 11/056,239. *See id.* While Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims would not raise any obviousness-type double patenting issues in view of any claim of the cited patent applications, solely in order to expedite allowance of the present application, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a phone call would be useful in resolving the outstanding issues, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at 202-408-4368.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments to this paper include:

- Terminal Disclaimer.
- Certified English translations of French Patent Application No. 02 11096, filed September 6, 2002; French Patent Application No. 02 11907, filed September 6, 2002; and French Patent Application No. 02 1104, filed September 6, 2002.